

## DRESS CODE POLICY

Ratified by:	Date available	Date endor
School		
Staff		
School Board		
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### RATIONALE

Denmark Senior High School has a Dress Code Policy which has the approval of the School Board and is in line with Department of Education policy. Students are strongly encouraged to wear the dress code for the following reasons:

- Students are encouraged to be proud of their school and to identify with it by wearing school clothing.
- A positive image of the school is promoted.
- Fashion elitism is avoided and so is the pressure placed on parents to purchase expensive clothing for school use.
- The safety of students is more easily managed by staff because students are easier to identify and wear clothing appropriate for the school environment.
- Students are taught the importance of being well groomed at school and later on in life when they seek employment.

### DRESS CODE

#### General Information

The Denmark Senior High School dress code entails a school uniform with items of clothing as follows:

#### i. SHIRTS



- Navy or white short sleeve polo - plain or with the school emblem embroidered



- Light grey DSHS short sleeved polo with school emblem (phasing out)
- FTD polo shirt
- New York trip shirt\*
- Country Week shirt\*

**All Students** – white or navy undershirt is permitted to be worn 'under' school polo shirts.

#### ii. BOTTOMS



- Micro fibre navy blue/black shorts/skirts or long pants
- Drop waist navy pleated skirt
- Micro fibre navy or black track suit pants
- Navy/black shorts or long pants in drill type cotton or poly viscose
- Micro fibre navy blue/black track suit pants

#### iii. JACKETS



- Navy blue DSHS jacket.
- Year 12 Leavers Jacket/Rugby top\*
- Basketball program "Nationals" jacket\*
- Canberra trip puffer jacket\*

\*Should only be worn by the student who has represented the school at this event.

#### Country Week Students

Students attending Country Week, or any other school excursion, are required to wear full Country Week uniform whilst representing the school.

#### Year 12 Students

Traditionally Year 12 students design their own Leavers' jumper, which should reflect the schools colours. This must be approved by the Principal. It can then be worn as part of the dress code by Year 12 students and only in the year for which it is current. Younger siblings cannot wear the jumper in subsequent years.

#### iv. FOOTWEAR

All footwear must be acceptable to Occupational Health and Safety standards which means enclosed. Ugg boots, thongs and strappy sandals are not acceptable. Slip-on shoes must be of sturdy construction and be attached to the foot.

## v. PIERCINGS

Occupational Safety and Health concerns prohibit the wearing of certain piercings by students at school. There are no consequences if students follow directions to remove unsafe piercings when requested and replace with it with a plastic retainer or labret. Some school activities may require that all piercings are removed for the duration of the lesson, for safety reasons.

## vi. ACCESSORIES

- Navy blue or black tights/leggings may be worn **under skirts or shorts only**. No other colours are acceptable.
- Jewellery- Is not part of the uniform and should be kept to a minimum. Watches are acceptable.
- Make up - Noticeable or distinctive makeup should not be worn.

### Note:

1. Any logo, slogan or advertising bigger than the size of a 50c coin is not permitted. This includes tracksuit pants and sweaters with brand names and/or brand signature stripes.
2. The Department of Education Dress Code for Students in Public Schools Policy Version 2.4 (January 2018) states "*clothing made from denim is not included in the school dress code for all schools.*" **Denim must not be worn to school.**
3. T shirts or long-sleeved undershirts in colours other than navy blue or white worn under the required school shirts are not permitted.
4. Skirts and shorts that are too short will be deemed as inappropriate and parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes to the school, or the student will be provided with clothes to change in to. General rule of thumb – place arms by side – longest finger length - minimum shorts length.
5. Board shorts or airflow shorts are not to be worn to school as uniform.

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## SPECIAL SITUATIONS

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## Physical Education

Students are required to bring a change of clothing for physical education classes and to change before and after lessons in the gymnasium change rooms. This requirement is in order to promote personal health and hygiene. The required attire is:

- Navy blue plain or Sports T Shirt with Denmark Sports or Basketball logo.
- Sports shorts in black or navy blue can be worn for Physical Education. Students must change into school uniform at the end of a Basketball or Physical Education sessions. Track suit in school colours.

## Special Ceremonies and Functions

School blazers, (if required) are available for students who represent the school at special ceremonies or functions such as the Anzac Day ceremony. These can be collected free of charge from the front office. Students are required to supply their own white dress shirt, black shoes and navy blue dress trousers (as required).

## Art, Design and Technology, Food And Textiles and Science

For their own safety, students must wear covered footwear for Art, Design and Technology, Food and Textiles and Science classes. Thongs and exercise sandals are definitely not permitted for occupational safety and health reasons. Students may be prevented from participating because they do not wear the appropriate footwear.

## Sports Carnival Days

When students represent Denmark Senior High School as part of a sporting team (e.g. football or netball) uniforms may be supplied by the school.

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## CLOTHING AVAILABILITY

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School uniform items are available for purchase from the front office.

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## **INFORMING PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

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The Dress Code Policy is available to parents/guardians on request or can be found on the school website. An outline of the Dress Code is included in the School Information Booklet which is given to parents/guardians when enrolling their student. Information will also be provided regarding where items of clothing can be purchased. Families who may be experiencing financial difficulties may make arrangements with the Principal.

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## **CHANGES TO THE DRESS CODE**

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Any changes to the dress code must be endorsed by the School Board after consultation with the staff. The Student Leadership group (who represent the students) may be consulted where appropriate.

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## **EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE**

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Parents/guardians of students who wish to be exempt from the school dress code must apply to the Principal stating reasons for the exemption and the period requested. The Principal will notify the parents/guardians in writing regarding the outcome of the request and will make all staff aware of the details of the exemption should it be approved. If the Principal revokes or varies an exemption, the persons affected will be informed in writing of the decision and the reasons behind the decision.

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## **NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

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- i. During Period 1, students who are out of dress code will be given a uniform pass and sent to front office where their name will be recorded by front office staff. This

pass is to be shown to teachers of subsequent classes to confirm that the student has been recorded as being out of uniform for that day. This pass will have the date on it so it cannot be used again at another time.

- ii. Office staff will have an Excel spreadsheet showing how many times that student has been out of uniform in the term
- If the student does not have a note from a parent/guardian explaining his/her reasons for failing to wear dress code an entry into the school database will be recorded.
- If the student has a note from a parent/guardian to explain why the student is not in dress code and detailing when they will return to full uniform, there will be no consequences regarding Good Standing. This will be recorded on the database with a notation to that fact. Should this happen on a frequent basis, the Deputy Principal will telephone the parents/guardians.
- iii. If a student receives 5 uniform incident entries within a term, he/she will move to Provisional Standing for a five week period. (Please refer to the Good Standing Policy for the consequences of losing Good Standing). Alternatively, they can choose to earn Good Standing back, see iv.
- iv. To quickly earn back Good Standing, students must meet the dress code for **15 consecutive** days. Students must report daily to the Deputy with the appropriate form so that it can be recorded that they are in uniform.

Endorsed by School Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **REVIEW OF THE POLICY**

This policy will be reviewed periodically.